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## MOSES Opposes the Governor's Pension Reform Legislation

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## MOSES Members.

On Tuesday January 18, 2011 the Governor filed legislation that would drastically reduce the retirement benefits for new public employees hired after July 1, 2011. MOSES, along with other public employee unions, was asked to endorse the Governor's Pension Reform Legislation. The plan presented by the Governor earlier this week DOES NOT have the support of MOSES but in hopes of having an acceptable reform package we will continue to work with the administration on our differences. Even though the Governor's reforms only applies to NEW employees hired after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, there remains an unfairness to the new long term career employee who would end up paying more than 100% of the cost of their own pension while the person who is hired at age 55 and works until 67 will be paying less than 50 % of their pension. We will work with the legislature and the Secretary of A&F to try to correct this unfairness. Other unions have agreed to support the Governor's legislation but we at MOSES feel that the inequities in the current system and the new bill must be addressed. Pension reform is a priority of the Governor and leaders of the House and Senate during this legislative session.

<u>Click here</u> to see the letter I sent to Secretary of Administration and Finance Jay Gonzalez, with copies to Governor Patrick, Senate President Murray and Speaker of the House DeLeo.

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